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It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By identifying the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead identifying the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

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A check for the \$180.00 fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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